



Quick Tips™ 1997 Mercedes-Benz SL-Class

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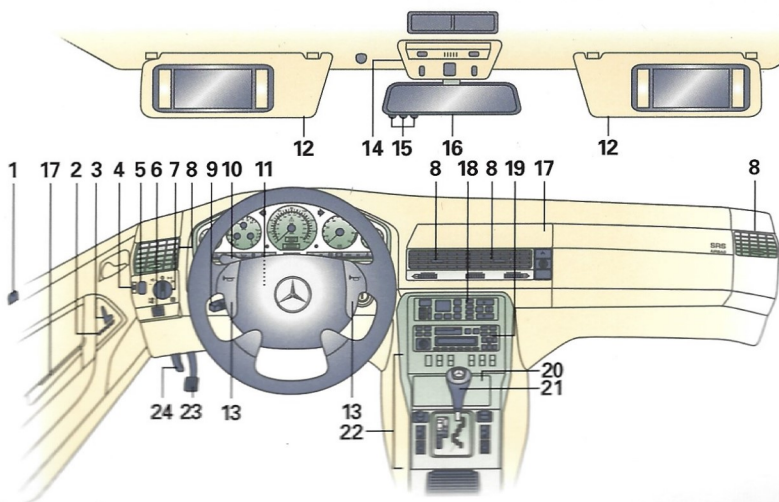
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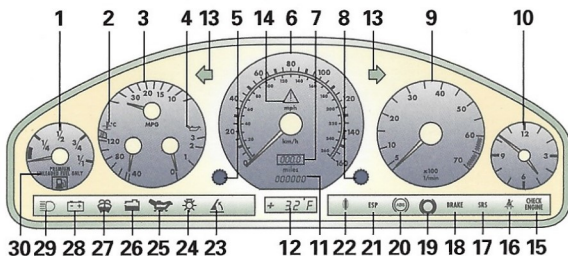
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INSTRUMENT PANEL

**1. Fuel gauge**

21.1-gallon tank

2. Coolant temperature gauge

If needle in red zone, turn off engine immediately or as soon as possible; check coolant level only when engine is cold

3. Fuel consumption gauge

Indicates current mpg rate

4. Oil pressure gauge

If needle drops to 0 with engine running, turn off engine immediately, dealer inspection required

5. Instrument panel lights/trip odometer reset knob


Rotate clockwise to increase intensity/press to reset trip odometer

6. Speedometer**7. Trip odometer****8. Clock setting knob**


To reset one minute ahead/back: Pull out and briefly turn knob right/left
To reset longer intervals ahead/back: Pull out, turn and hold knob right/left

9. Tachometer**10. Clock****11. Odometer****12. Outside temperature display****WARNING LIGHTS****13. Turn signals/hazard warning****14.  ASR or ESP***


System operating, adjust speed to road conditions, see Drivetrain

15.  Check engine


Malfunction of engine management system, dealer inspection required

16.  Always fasten seat belts**17.  Supplemental Restraint System**


Air bag malfunction, dealer inspection required as soon as possible

18.  Brake system

Parking brake on/low fluid level


19.  Brake pads

Pads worn down, dealer inspection required

20.  Antilock Brake System (ABS)

ABS malfunction, normal brake

function only (no ABS), dealer inspection required

21.  ASR or ESP**Automatic Slip Control or Electronic Stability Program***

ASR or ESP malfunction, dealer inspection required; also see Drivetrain

22.  Adaptive Damping System*

ADS malfunction, dealer inspection required

23.  Roll bar malfunction

Roll bar malfunction, dealer inspection required

24.  Exterior lamp failure



Bulb replacement required

25.  Low oil level

Check oil level

26.  Low coolant level

Check coolant level

27.  Low windshield/headlight washer system* fluid level**28.  Charge indicator**

Battery discharging, dealer inspection required

29.  High beams**30.  Fuel reserve**

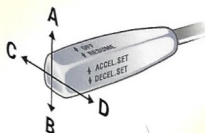
Approximately 2.6 gallons remaining when light comes on

Tip: All lights are on for approximately 5 seconds immediately after starting car for lamp check

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STALK CONTROLS



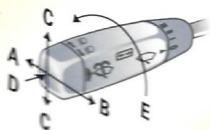
Cruise control

Warning: Use only when traffic and weather conditions permit safe operation

Operates above approximately 22 mph

- A.** To set speed: Accelerate to desired speed and lift lever up briefly
To accelerate: Hold lever up
To increase speed incrementally: Briefly tap lever up
- B.** To decelerate: Hold lever down
To decrease speed incrementally: Briefly tap lever down

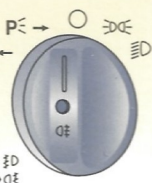
- C.** To cancel: Tap brake pedal or tap lever forward
 - D.** To return to preset speed (after braking): Tap lever rearward
- Tip: Incremental increase/decrease speed changes occur in 0.6-mph increments**



Combination switch: Turn signals/high beams/washer/wiper

- A.** High beams on/off: Push forward to detent/pull back
- B.** To flash high beams: Pull rearward and release
- C.** Turn signals right/left: Move lever up/down
- D.** One wipe, no washer fluid: Push briefly; use only if windshield is wet
Windshield and headlight washers/wipers: Push in past resistance point

- E.** Windshield wiper:
0 = Wiper off
I = Intermittent
Rain sensor automatically adjusts intermittent wiper speed depending on rain intensity
II = Normal speed
III = Fast speed
Headlight washers/wipers operate only when lights are on



Exterior lights

← P → Left/right standing (parking) lights on

Tip: Standing (parking) lights illuminate left/right parking lamps and are not operable with ignition in ON position

○ Lights off

⇒ Q ⇒ Parking lamps on, including, side marker, tail, license plate and instrument panel lights

⇒ R ⇒ Parking plus low or high beams on

⇒ S ⇒ Front fog lights: Pull out to first detent with parking and/or low beam headlights on

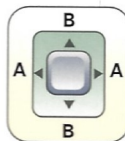
⇒ T ⇒ Front and single rear fog lights: Pull out to second detent

Tip: Indicator light in switch comes on with rear fog light

Tip: There is only a single rear fog lamp; it is located on the left side

Night security illumination

After driving with exterior lights on and exiting car, headlights switch on for approximately 30 seconds when last door is closed



Steering wheel adjustment

Located in steering column

- A.** To lengthen/shorten (telescope) the column:

Push/pull knob in direction of arrow

- B.** To raise/lower (tilt wheel): Push knob up/down

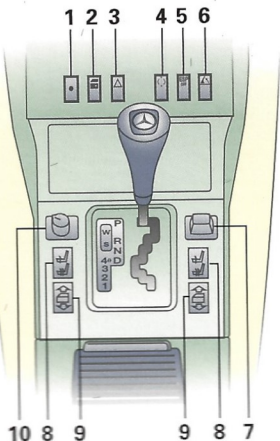
Warning: Adjusting steering wheel while driving could result in an accident

Tip: Wheel can be adjusted with a door open and no key in ignition

Tip: To store wheel position in memory, see Seats

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CENTER CONSOLE SWITCHES



5. ASR OFF/ESP* OFF switch

Tip: System automatically on when engine started

To cancel: Press **ASR OFF** or **ESP OFF**
When canceled, a portion of the system remains active allowing a locked differential effect which may provide additional traction when driving with snow chains or starting off in snow, sand or gravel; see Drivetrain for more information

To reactivate complete system: Press bottom of switch

6. Roll bar

To raise: Press and hold

To lower: Press and hold

Tip: Releasing switch interrupts roll bar travel

8. Left/right seat heaters*

To heat: Press (one light on)
To heat rapidly (5 minutes): Press (two lights on)
To turn off: If one light on, press ; if two lights on, press

9. Power windows

Express open: Press portion of switch past resistance point and release

To interrupt: Tap /

To open partially/close: Press / portion of switch to resistance point, release at desired position

Tip: If battery is disconnected or discharged, Express feature is disabled; reset by closing each window and holding switch for 2 seconds after window is completely closed

1. Antitheft alarm system

Light blinks to indicate system is armed

2. Central locking

To lock/unlock all doors and trunk: Press /bottom of switch; also see Locks

3. Hazard warning flasher

To activate/deactivate: Press /bottom of switch

4. Adaptive damping system*

To firm/soften damping: Press /bottom of switch

Tip: Roll bar automatically deploys in an accident or a potentially dangerous driving situation; lower roll bar after automatic deployment, press for at least 5 seconds (until drive mechanism engages) then press to lower roll bar

7. Soft top/hardtop

See Convertible/Hardtop

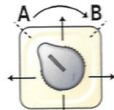
10. Outside mirror control

To adjust: Rotate knob pointer to desired mirror (A, left/B, right) and move knob forward/backward or to either side

Tip: To store mirror positions in memory, see Seats

Tip: External mirrors have automatic heaters activated by outside temperature

Tip: Driver-side mirror includes automatic dimming feature



Level control system*

To raise chassis $\frac{5}{8}$ inch/ $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch above normal (no indicators on): Press once (one indicator on)/twice (two indicators on)

To return chassis to normal from raised $\frac{5}{8}$ inch (one indicator on)/raised $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch (two indicators on): Press bottom of switch once/twice

Wheel change switch*

The level control system should be disabled before changing a wheel

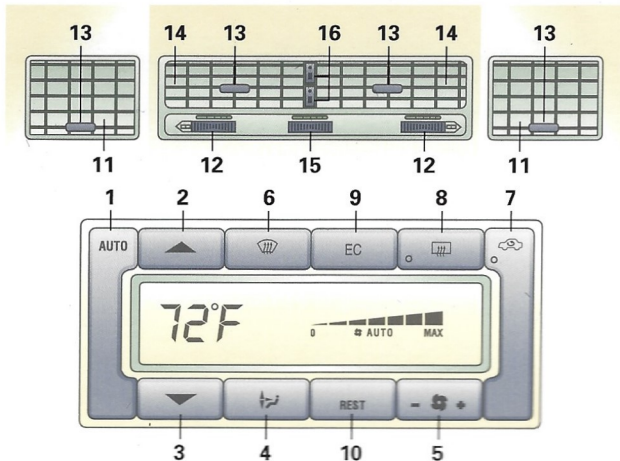
To disable/enable: Press switch with engine running; see Owner's Manual
Tip: When disabled, the switch indicator and are on
Warning: Do not drive vehicle with wheel change switch in on position

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CLIMATE CONTROLS

1. **AUTO** Automatic mode button
2. **▲** Raise temperature (red)
3. **▼** Lower temperature (blue)
4. **↔** Manual air distribution
5. **- \$ +** Manual air volume (fan)
6. **☂** Windshield defrost
7. **☁** Air recirculation
8. **☒** Rear window defroster
9. **EC** Economy mode
10. **REST** Residual heating
11. **Outboard dash vents**
12. **Outboard thumbwheel adjusters**
13. **Vent adjustment tabs**
14. **Center dash vents**
15. **Center thumbwheel adjuster**
16. **Cooled/heated air supply**



The automatic climate control system provides fully automatic or manual override control

AUTOMATIC OPERATION

In this mode the system automatically determines air-flow distribution and volume for optimum efficiency

The following settings are recommended for consistent year-round comfortable cabin temperatures

Tips: Temperatures higher/lower than 72°F can be set by pressing buttons (2)/(3); manually changing temperature setting does not take system out of automatic operation

To close center or outboard vents, turn thumbwheels (15) or (12) fully right

Move tabs (13) left/right, up/down to direct air flow

"Comfort" setting of 72°F

To set 72°F quickly: Simultaneously press (2) and (3)

Outboard vents (11) and center vents (14) fully open

To open: Turn thumbwheels (12) and (15) left

Then press **AUTO** button (1) to engage automatic mode

In cold weather center vents receive no air

In warm weather floor vents receive no air

The system will not heat or cool any quicker by setting a higher or lower temperature; the temperature selected is reached as quickly as possible

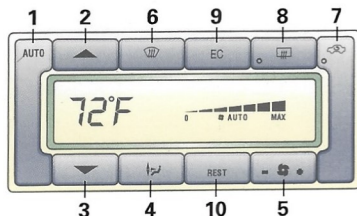
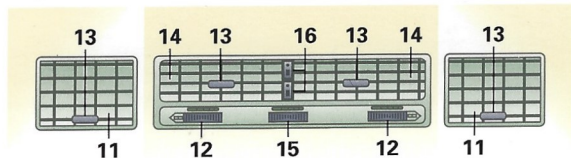
16. Cooled/heated air supply

To override automatic air and supply cooled/heated air to center vents: Press blue/red switch and turn center thumbwheel (15) left

To switch off the climate control system, press left (-) side of (5) until OFF is displayed; while driving, use this setting only temporarily, otherwise the windows could fog up

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CLIMATE CONTROLS

**MANUAL OPERATION**

Automatic operation provides optimal system efficiency; overriding automatic operation is only recommended for unusual conditions or for short durations


Tip: For most conditions, leave vents (11) and (14) in same settings as for automatic operation

6. Windshield defrost

Press for automatic defrost; provides dry, heated air to windshield

Tip: Make sure all vents are open and side vent air flow is directed toward side windows with tabs (13)

8. Rear window defroster





Press  on/off; shuts off automatically after 12 minutes

9. Economy mode

Provides automatic operation except when air conditioning compressor is shut off; use to save fuel or when only fresh, uncooled air is desired. To turn compressor off/on: Press (9)/press again

**4. Manual air distribution**

To select: Repeatedly press (4) until desired air circulation symbol is displayed

-  Air to windshield and floor
-  Air to floor
-  Air to face and floor
-  Air to windshield

5. Manual air volume

Seven manual blower speed steps are available


To decrease/increase air volume: Press +/- side of (5); bar graph in display shows fan speed chosen

Tip: An electrostatic filter removes most dust and pollen before outside air enters the passenger compartment

Window defogging

Make sure system is not in recirculated air mode (red light in the top of switch (7) is not illuminated), then press **AUTO** button (1), press manual air distribution button (4) until air is directed upward, move tabs (13) on outboard vents (11) to direct air toward side windows and rotate thumbwheels (12) fully left

7. Air recirculation

Prevents most dust and odors from entering the vehicle. Press  on/off

Tip: Air recirculation will remain activated only for 5 minutes if outside temperature is less than 40°F and for 30 minutes if outside temperature is greater than 45°F

10. Residual heating

Allows heating the interior after the engine has been shut off

To activate: Ignition key must be OFF, then press **REST**

To deactivate: Press **REST**; also deactivated if ignition key turned ON. System automatically shuts off after 30 minutes or if battery voltage drops to 11 volts

Cold weather

Fresh air is passed through the heater core, a comfort feature when an occupant is waiting in a parked car or to keep the interior warm for your return after a short stop

Warm weather

Fresh air is circulated to help reduce temperature buildup inside the car

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SEATS

Power seats

Switches located in doors

A = Seat: fore/aft, up/down

B = Seat tilt

C = Backrest tilt

D = Head restraint, up/down

Also adjust seat belt outlet height

To change head restraint angle:
Manually tilt restraint

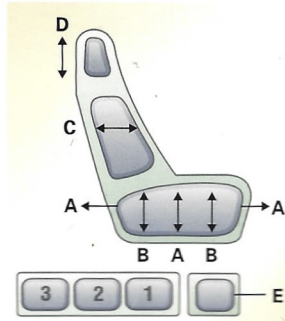
Tip: The seat backrest automatically moves upright as seat is moved back and seat moves forward as backrest is reclined

Memory

Switches located in doors

Up to 3 different settings for seat/head restraint/steering wheel/exterior rearview mirrors can be stored in memory

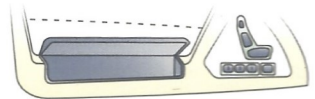
Warning: Adjusting seat while driving could result in loss of vehicle control



To store settings: Adjust all storable items, press switch (E), release, within 3 seconds press desired position switch (1, 2 or 3)

To recall settings: Press desired position switch (1, 2 or 3) and hold until all movement stops

Releasing button before movement stops interrupts stored settings

**Door pockets**

To open: Lift cover

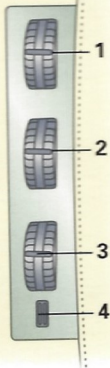
Warning: Keep door pocket lids closed for unobstructed inflation of side air bag

Multicontour seat*

Switches located on outboard side of seat cushion

To increase/decrease seat cushion depth: Press switch (1) forward/rearward

To increase/decrease bottom backrest support: Press switch (2) forward/rearward



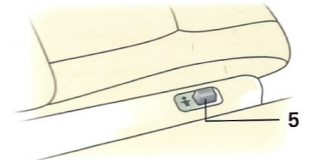
To increase/decrease center backrest support: Press switch (3) forward/rearward

To increase/decrease side bolster support: Press and hold front/rear of switch (4)

Warnings: Air bags are supplemental and do not replace seat belt usage

Seat belts should be worn when vehicle is in motion, children should be secured in child restraints properly installed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions

Do not use rear-facing child seat in vehicle; passenger seat should be moved as far back as possible when using forward-facing child seat

**Child safety seat restraint switch**

Located on side of passenger seat
The passenger seat has a special seat belt retractor for secure fastening of a safety seat

To use: Move seat fully back, fasten safety seat in accordance with seat manufacturer's instructions, then pull shoulder belt out completely and slide switch (5) to position , let belt retract, push down on safety seat to take up any slack

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AUDIO SYSTEMS

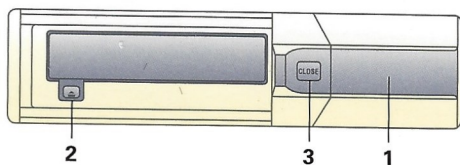
Compact disc changer*

Located in trunk

Slide door (1) on disc changer to the right, press eject button (2); disc magazine ejects

Slide tray out of magazine and place disc on tray (label up), slide tray back into magazine until click is heard

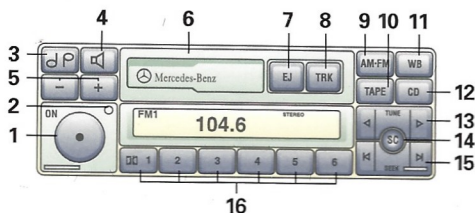
Press close button (3) to close door



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Tip: Antenna is activated by radio and telephone, both must be switched off to lower antenna

Tip: Your radio is equipped with a built-in antitheft system, refer to audio system Operation Guide for information; this system is independent of vehicle antitheft system

**1. On/off, volume control**

Press on/off, turn for volume

2. Antitheft indicator

(flashing red light)

3. Bass/treble selector

Press until bass or treble is displayed, then press **-/+** (5) to decrease/increase selected function

4. Balance (left/right) selector

Press to display balance, then press **-/+** (5) to adjust left/right balance

5. Audio adjust buttons

(bass/treble/balance)

6. Cassette slot**7. Tape eject button****8. Tape track selector**

Press to switch tracks

9. AM/FM selector

Press to select desired band

10. Tape mode selector**11. Weather band (WB) selector****12. CD mode selector****13. Tune**

Radio: To tune manually through all frequencies down/up: Press and hold **◀/▶**

Cassette: To rewind/fast forward: Press **◀/▶**

Press (13), (14) or (15) to stop
CD: To reverse/fast forward through a track: Press **◀/▶**

14. Scan (SC)

Radio: Automatically finds a station, plays it for 8 seconds, then moves up to next station; press again to stop

Cassette: Plays a selection for 8 seconds, then fast forwards to next selection; press again to stop

CD: Plays a track for 8 seconds, then moves forward to next track; press again to stop

15. Seek

Radio: To select next available station down/up: Press **◀/▶**

Cassette: To search to next selection reverse/forward: Press **◀/▶**

CD: To go to next selection down/up: Press **◀/▶**

16. Select buttons

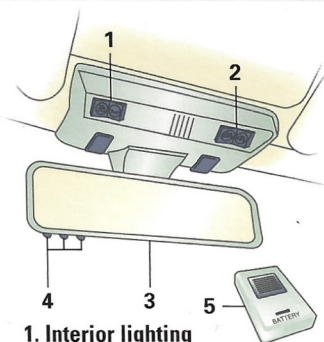
Radio: To set 6 AM, 6 FM and 6 WB stations: Tune to desired station, press and hold until you hear a beep

Cassette: To enable Dolby B or C noise reduction: Press preset 1 (**⏏**)

CD: Buttons correspond to CD magazine tray numbers

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OVERHEAD CONSOLE



1. Interior lighting (door controlled)

Press = Lights switched on/off (delayed) when doors are opened/closed or unlocked/locked

Center = Door contacts disabled (lights off)

Press = Interior lights on

2. Reading lights

Press left = Left reading light on

Center = Reading lights off

Press right = Right reading light on

3. Auto dimming mirror

Automatically dims to reduce glare

Tip: Driver-side exterior mirror also includes automatic dimming feature

4. Integrated garage door opener**

Located on rearview mirror

To program or reprogram the integrated garage door opener: Turn ignition key to ON position; press and hold one of the three buttons on, the control light blinks immediately if first-time programming or after approximately 20 seconds if reprogramming

While continuing to hold the button, bring the transmitter end of old garage door remote opener (5) close to the mirror button being programmed, press button on (5) until remote light on mirror starts to flash rapidly

Integrated garage door opener is capable of operating three compatible separately remote controlled objects; repeat previous steps to program

To operate integrated garage door opener: Turn ignition key to ON position; press desired button

****May not be compatible with all systems; if you experience programming difficulties, please call Customer Assistance Center 1-800-FOR-MERCEDES**



Soft top

A minimum height clearance of 6.5 ft is required to lower/raise soft top

To lower/raise: Engage parking brake, start engine and slide soft top/hardtop switch back/forward and hold
Side windows lower, roll bar lowers, indicator lamp in soft top/hardtop switch lights, soft top lowers into storage compartment and compartment cover closes and locks (lowering) or soft top closes and locks (raising), indicator light in switch goes out
Continue to hold switch and windows will close

Warning: During locking/unlocking and raising/lowering operations, hands should be kept clear of roll bar, soft top/hardtop frame and top's points of contact with vehicle

Warning: Do not drive with the soft top/hardtop unlocked, it could result in an accident

Hardtop/Panorama glass roof*

Removal and installation of hardtop/glass roof requires two people; exercise care to avoid scratching body or hardtop/glass roof

To remove: Engage parking brake, ensure both radio and phone are off, open doors, disconnect rear window defroster plug, turn ignition lock to ON position (engine not running) and within 10 seconds slide soft top/hardtop switch back and hold

After approximately 2 seconds, roll bar lowers, indicator lamp in soft top/hardtop switch lights and hardtop/glass roof unlocks

Turn ignition lock to OFF and remove key, lift hardtop/glass roof vertically from attachment points and locating pins and remove to the rear

To install: Reverse procedure

Panorama glass roof sun shade*

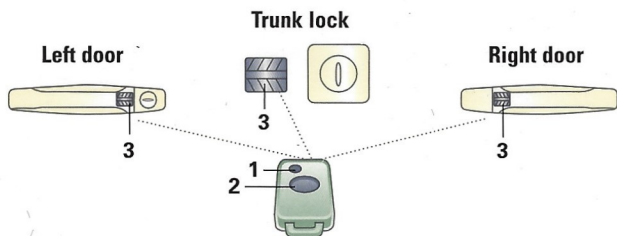
To close: Grasp handle, pull sun shade forward, hook latch in retaining ring, ensure left/right end tips are in retainers

To open: Grasp handle, push forward and up to release from retaining ring, allow cover to retract to rear while holding handle

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LOCKS

**Infrared remote with folding master key**

To release master key from remote transmitter: Press button (1), key unfolds from holder

The vehicle doors, trunk and fuel filler door can be locked/unlocked and windows closed as part of the locking operation using infrared remote control

To lock/unlock: Aim remote at a receiver (in outside front door handles and next to trunk lock) and press transmit button (2); indicator lamps (red/green) (3) will flash until vehicle is locked/unlocked


To close windows from outside vehicle: Keep button (2) depressed after locking doors; windows begin closing after approximately 2 seconds

Manual door locks

To lock/unlock each door: Press buttons down/pull up

Tip: Driver's door can be locked only when it is closed

**Power door locks**

To lock: Press  part of central locking switch
To unlock: Press bottom of switch, see Center Console

Trunk lock

Trunk lock is a 4-position lock

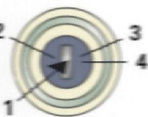
1. Neutral

Push to open

2. Unlocking**3. Locking****4. "Valet" locking**

Remove key in this position

Tip: In the "valet" position, the trunk can only be unlocked with the master key

**Antitheft**

The antitheft system is automatically armed/disarmed whenever the vehicle's doors or trunk are locked/unlocked by key or remote; a flashing light (A) on central locking switch indicates system is armed

Central locking system

The entire vehicle may be locked or unlocked by the central locking switch, remote or master key in the door or trunk locks

Central locking also locks fuel filler door

Tip: All keys (including infrared remote with folding master key) incorporate antitheft electronic circuitry; engine will not start if improperly coded key is used in ignition

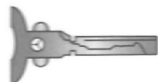
**Remote/master key**

Operates all locks: Ignition, doors, trunk, glove box

**Valet key**

Operates left door and ignition only

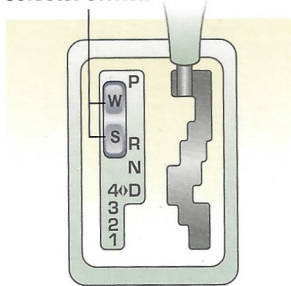
Tip: Valet key will not unlock trunk if in "valet" position

**Flat master key**

Operates all locks, keep in wallet or safe place

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DRIVETRAIN

Dual mode
selector switch

Tip: Upshifting may be temporarily delayed during cold weather starting to allow the catalytic converter to reach operating temperature quicker and provide faster heating

Gear shifter locking system

Key is removable from ignition lock only with shifter in P position; shifter can only be moved from P with key in ignition lock and brake pedal depressed

Tip: Ignition key cannot be removed from ignition while foot is on brake pedal

P = Park

Never engage when moving
Start vehicle in this position

R = Reverse

Never engage when moving

N = Neutral

No gear engaged; engine can be started in this position

D = Drive

Normal driving position; transmission starts in first and shifts up through fifth gear for optimum economy

4 = Sporty driving position

Transmission will not shift up to fifth gear

3 = Climbing and descending hills

Transmission will not shift up to higher gears

2 = Mountainous or extreme conditions

Transmission will not shift up to higher gears

1 = Climbing and descending steep hills

Transmission will not shift up to higher gears

Caution: When parking, always use parking brake; also set vehicle in park, take your keys and lock the vehicle; failure to do so could result in your vehicle being moved accidentally



Dual mode selector switch

S = Standard mode

Transmission starts in first gear

W = Wet/winter mode

Transmission starts in second gear, unless first gear manually selected and upshifts occur at lower engine speeds

Emergency mode

If vehicle exhibits sluggish acceleration or transmission refuses to shift, the Limp Home Mode should be activated

To engage Limp Home Mode: Stop vehicle, move selector to park, turn off engine, wait 10 seconds, restart engine, select drive (only second gear functions) or reverse

Automatic Slip Control (ASR)

Increases control and stability on slippery surfaces

Tip: System automatically on when engine started

To cancel: Press top of ASR switch; ASR indicator in speedometer illuminates

To reactivate: Press bottom of ASR switch

Electronic Stability Program (ESP)*

Increases traction and stability on slippery surfaces

Increases stability when cornering by helping to control oversteer (fishtailing) and understeer (plowing)

Tip: System automatically on when engine started

To cancel: Press top of ESP switch; ESP indicator in speedometer illuminates

To reactivate: Press bottom of ESP switch

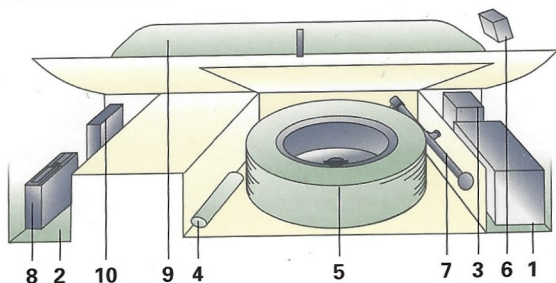
Tip: A portion of ASR or ESP system remains active with switch off; if Δ indicator in speedometer flashes, adjust driving to road conditions

Caution: Δ light on = adjust driving/speed to road conditions
Tip: If ASR or ESP warning light (ASR or ESP) comes on, a malfunction has been detected, dealer inspection required

*Standard and optional equipment will vary by model

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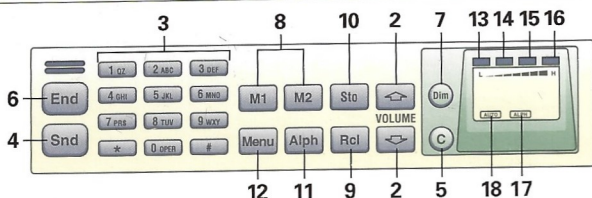
TRUNK/TELEPHONE



Trunk

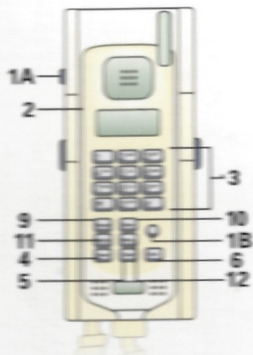
Lift mat to expose cover

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Battery | 7. Jack |
| 2. Storage | 8. Compact disc player* |
| 3. Fuse box | 9. Windscreen |
| 4. Tools | 10. First aid kit |
| 5. Spare tire | |
| 6. Manual fuel filler door release | |

Integrated Mobile Telephone
In-dash controller*

Warning: Do not use cellular telephone while vehicle is in motion; stop in a safe location before answering or placing a call

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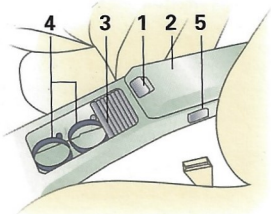
Integrated Portable Telephone
Center console handset*

- Power**
Mobile: Slide switch (1A) forward, ignition lock must be in ACC or ON
Portable: Press (1B) for 1/2 second
- Volume:** Use to increase/decrease ring, speaker, earpiece and key tone volume
- Keypad:** Use to place calls and program features
- Send:** Use to originate or receive calls and activate hook-flash
- Clear:** Erases the display
- End:** Terminates calls, enters pauses and activates voice-activated dialer
- Dim:** Push to adjust display and key-pad backlighting
- Memory keys:** Each key stores a number which can be dialed with one touch
- Recall:** Reviews numbers stored in memory and accesses menu selections
- Store:** Stores numbers and menu selections
- Alpha programming:** Programs upper and lower case letters in memory
- Menu:** Accesses operating features
- In-use indicator**
- No service available indicator**
- A system roam indicator**
- B system roam indicator**
- Alpha programming status indicator**
- Auto answer/redial indicator**
Steady light/flashing light = auto answer/auto redial active

Tips: Antenna is activated by radio and telephone; both must be switched off to lower antenna
For complete information on your phone, refer to your Cellular Telephone Operation Guide

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STORAGE

**Armrest**

To adjust: Press button (1) and slide armrest (2) forward/rearward

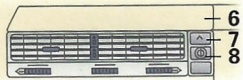
Cupholders

To open: Slide cover (3) rearward, press button (4) to open cupholder

Armrest Storage

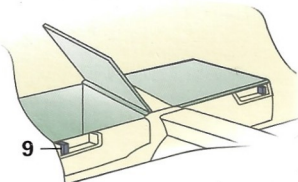
To open rear: Press latch (5), lift lid to side, provides space for storage or cellular telephone

Warning: Do not operate radio transmitters such as portable phones or CB radios with built-in antennas from inside vehicle with engine running, use these devices only when connected to outside antenna; failure to do so may result in malfunction of your car's electronic systems

**6. Storage/eyeglass compartment**

To open: Press button (7)

To lock/unlock: Insert master key in lock (8) and rotate key to vertical position; also serves as location for in-dash controller for the optional mobile telephone

**Storage compartment**

Located behind passenger seat
To open: Press button (9), lift cover

Tip: Compartment behind driver's seat contains audio system, dealer service only

Warning: Rear storage area should never be occupied by passengers

**Break-in period**

First 1,000 miles:

Drive at moderate and varying road and engine speeds

Avoid full throttle, excessive engine speeds or kick-down of transmission

After 1,000 miles:

Speeds may be gradually increased to permissible maximum

Antilock Brake System (ABS)

ABS automatically pumps the brakes to prevent wheel lock-up

You may feel and hear a slight pulsing of the brake pedal; this is normal when you have reached maximum braking for road surface conditions

Warning: Do not pump brakes; maintain constant firm pressure on brake pedal to maximize braking

Disc brake performance

While driving on wet/salted roads, it's advisable (when safe) to apply brakes firmly and periodically to keep pads dry/clean

Tire economy and tips

Maintain correct front and rear alignment
Maintain correct tire pressure

Tip: An inflation pressure table is located inside the fuel filler door, see Under Hood section

Rotate tires and check balance every 15,000 miles

Snow tires

M+S radial-ply tires on all four wheels are recommended for winter driving

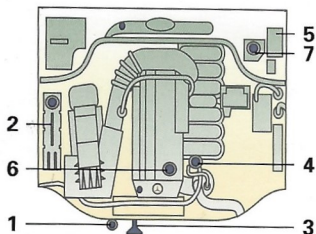
Snow chains

Snow chains should be installed only on rear tires; install as tightly as possible and retighten periodically; remove as soon as possible when driving on cleared roads

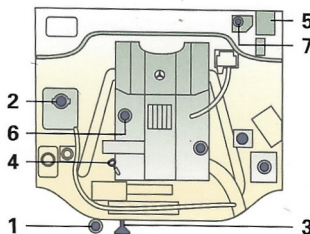
Warning: Never exceed chain manufacturer's specified maximum speed and never drive faster than 30 mph

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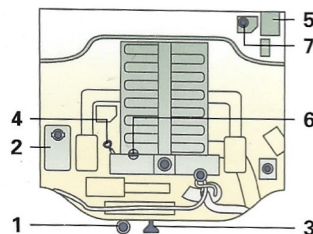
UNDER HOOD



SL320



SL500



SL600

1. Windshield and headlamp washer reservoir

Fill with MB Windshield Washer Concentrate "S" plus water when temperature is above freezing or premixed windshield washer solvent/antifreeze when temperature is below freezing

3. Hood latch

Pull inside hood release handle, outside handle (3) extends from grille, pull handle (3) out from grille, raise hood

Tip: Do not attempt to raise hood with outside handle, raise from lower portion of grille

5. Fuse panel**6. Engine oil filler cap**

7. Brake fluid reservoir
Fill with MB (DOT 4) brake fluid; do not overfill

Tip: Battery is located in trunk

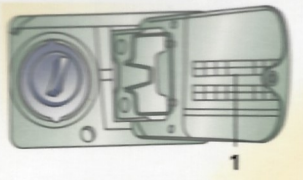
2. Engine coolant reservoir

Coolant should reach top of tab inside filler neck when coolant is cold
Warning: Removing cap while hot can result in personal injury

4. Engine oil dipstick

Check with engine off and at normal temperature; underfilling and overfilling could cause severe engine damage

Tip: Transmission does not have a dipstick; fluid level checks and changes not required

**Tire pressure table**

Check pressures when tires are cold; table (1) inside fuel filler door lists recommended pressures

Maintenance/tips

To maintain vehicle safety and

operational reliability, maintenance should be carried out at regular intervals as recommended in your Maintenance Booklet

Every 7,500 miles (12,000 km) or yearly: Lubrication service required
Every 15,000 miles (24,000 km) or 2 years: Maintenance service required
Every 30,000 miles (48,000 km): Additional work required

Service intervals should be shortened up to 50% under extreme operating conditions

For detailed information refer to your Maintenance Booklet
Use fuels, coolants, lubricants, etc., tested and recommended by Mercedes-Benz; refer to the Factory Approved Service Products pamphlet or inquire at your authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer

Gasoline

Premium unleaded fuel only
91 octane minimum
21.1-gallon tank
2.6 gallons remaining when reserve indicator lamp illuminates

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This guide has been prepared to help you get quickly acquainted with your new Mercedes-Benz and to provide a convenient reference source for common questions.

However, it is not intended as a substitute for your Owner's Manual.

For complete operational instructions, maintenance procedures and important safety messages, please consult your Owner's Manual and other warning labels in your car.

SAFETY REMINDERS

Your Mercedes-Benz is equipped with many safety engineering features, including front and side air bags for both the driver and passenger.

Air bags do not replace your seat belts; they supplement the protection offered by seat belts.

Air bags can help protect you in a severe frontal or side collision, but they do not provide protection in any other kind of collision.

Always make sure you and your passenger wear safety belts and that young children are properly secured in child safety restraints in accordance with the seat manufacturer's instructions.

Never place a rear-facing child seat in the front passenger seat.

Always remove the key from the ignition lock when leaving the vehicle. Do not leave children unattended in the vehicle.

Always turn off the engine while refueling.

MAINTENANCE REMINDERS

To get the longest life and best performance from your vehicle, we recommend using Mercedes-Benz approved parts, service and accessories.

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